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SUBJECT: FRENCH - SOVIET COOPERATION IN SPACE

1. A DELEGATION OF SOVIET ENGINEERS IS PRESENTLY AT TOULOUSE AT THE CENTRE NATIONALE DE LA RECHERCHE SCIENTIFIQUE (C.N.R.S.) TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ASSEMBLY OF THE ASTRONOMY SATELLITE SIGNE - 3.

2. THE INSTRUMENT IS THE WORK OF THE C.R.N.N.R.S. AND THE ROCKET LAUNCHER IS RUSSIAN. SIGNE 3 WILL BE LAUNCHED IN U.S.S.R. ON OR ABOUT APRIL 15, 1977. IT WILL BE PUT IN A CIRCULAR ORBIT 500 KILOMETERS FROM THE EARTH AT AN ANGLE OF 51 DEGREES.

3. THE TOULOUSE CENTRE D ETUDES SPATIALES DES RAYONNEMENTS (SPACE RADIATION STUDY CENTER) IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ONE OF THE TWO MISSIONS WHICH WILL BE GIVEN SIGN 3: TO EXAMINE THE DEPTH OF THE SKY AND COSMOLOGICAL PHENOMENON, DISCOVER THE SOURCES OF X AND GAMMA RAYS TO STUDY THEIR SPECTRUM, AND TO STUDY LUMINOUS ENERGY PARTICLES. THE EXPERIMENTS WILL ALSO INVOLVE PROBES OF VENUS. C.N.R.S. PARIS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS SECOND PROJECT WHICH WILL ALSO INVOLVE MEASURING THE EFFECTS OF VARIATIONS OF SOLAR FLUX.

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